

Kensington Around Town

JUNE 2016

2016 Town Election Results

MAYOR

Tracey Furman 129

COUNCIL

Sean P. McMullen 108

Duane L. Rollins 125

There were a total of 134 ballots cast, including five absentee ballots, which represents a nine (9) percent voter turnout by the Town's Residents.

Congratulations to Ms. Furman, along with Mr. McMullen and Mr. Rollins, who will be sworn in prior to the July 11th Town Organizational Meeting, 6 pm.

<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/elections/>



The 21st Annual Bike Parade will be held on Monday, July 4th at St. Paul Park. The Bike Parade begins at 10 am and the Town asks that those wishing to participate begin lining up by 9:45 am. This event is open to all kids, and those young at heart, that wish to decorate their bike, scooter, wagon or stroller and follow a Kensington Volunteer Fire Department truck through the streets of Kensington.

The Town would like to thank Mark Hudson of McEneaney Associate Realtors for his continued coordination and sponsorship of this event.

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Town Council Meeting
Mon., June 20th, 7 pm

Summer Movie Nights
Sat., June 25th, 5 pm
St. Paul Park

Special Recognition
Mayor Fosselman
Thurs., June 30th, 7 pm
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Town Offices Closed
Mon., July 4th
Independence Day

FIREWORKS

Mon., July 4th
7:30 pm—10:30 pm
Mid-County Sparkles
Einstein High School
(Info Page 7)

Town Organizational Meeting
Mon., July 11th, 6 pm

Town Council Meeting
Mon., July 11th, 7 pm

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FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



Congratulations to **Mayor-Elect Tracey Furman**. She has been a great Council Member and I know she will be an even greater Mayor.

Congratulations to **Council Member-Elect Duane Rollins**. He will be a fantastic and fresh addition to the Town's leadership.

And congratulations to **Council Member Sean McMullen** for winning his sixth term! Sean has been an advocate for keeping our finances and traffic matters in check and his continued service is appreciated.

I continue to finalize the **schedule of aesthetic renovations for Connecticut Avenue** with the State Highway Administration. When Governor Hogan took office last year, the transition period slowed the Route 185 improvements down. However, the Governor's staff has been very cooperative and supportive at getting the project back on track. This will include finalizing the stone pavers in the median, CSX bridge improvements and the new planting beds along Connecticut Avenue.

While we have accomplished a lot in the last ten years with our revitalization efforts—**zoning, liquor laws, sign ordinance, landscaping and streetscape improvements, and park rehabilitation**—there is much **work that remains to be finished**. I look forward to our first mixed-use redevelopment project in Kensington, and I hope to see additional restaurants and diverse services around Town. Together we have created a vibrant downtown. Please continue to **patronize the local merchants and support the many events and festivals** sponsored by the Council and area business owners. Talk to your Mayor and Council about what you would like to see for Kensington because resident input is the only way we may gauge our direction.

Code enforcement is imperative for laws we have initiated—no parking on the grass, storage pod permits, leash laws, limited signage, park fees and permits for non-Town members, yard maintenance, parking limits, commercial vehicle restrictions. It's essential to maintain our Kensingtonian lifestyle and safety by upholding our local laws.



Election Night—June 2006

UL: Former Council Members Dave Beudet, Al Carr & Dave Furman; Mayor Fosselman.
LL: Former Mayors Jack Jones & Jayne Plank; Former Council Member Chris Bruch.

Town Permits

10412 Montgomery Avenue
Signs

3905 Prospect Street
Pepco

10547 St. Paul Street
Fence

10013 Frederick Avenue
Solar Panels

Building Permits—*Please be reminded that both a Town and County permit for any exterior or interior structural changes are needed, with the exception of landscaping and repairs. Historic District properties will also need a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). Please contact the Town staff with any questions.*



From Town Manager Daily

- The Town’s street contractor, NZI Construction, has completed the milling and paving of the following streets: 1) Concord Street between Plyers Mill Road and Dupont Avenue; 2) Farragut Avenue between St. Paul Street and Connecticut Avenue; 3) Lexington Court; 4) Lexington Street between Dupont Avenue and Perry Avenue; and 5) Plyers Mill Court. We will be replacing the speed humps and marking the stop bars later this month.
- The Town has ordered additional welcome signs for the Town’s entry ways, which will be installed later this summer. They will be similar to the sign at the intersection of Knowles and Summit Avenues.
- Please be reminded that all **PODS and/or storage units** placed on private property, or within the street, require a Town permit. Please contact the Town staff for additional information.

MAYOR

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TOWN MINUTES

Town Council Summary from the May 9th Town Council Meeting

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2016.
- Announced the Candidates for the June 6, 2016 Town Election - **Mayor:** Tracey Furman; **Town Council:** Sean McMullen and Duane Rollins for the two Council seats.
- Adopted Ordinance No. O-01-2016 - Town Operating and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2016-17 (FY17), as amended to increase unappropriated surplus by \$25,000, and to increase General Government expenses by \$25,000 for the contribution to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation.
- Approved Resolution No. R-09-2016 - Authorizing payment of a contribution in the amount of \$25,000 from the FY17 Budget to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation for the proposed renovation project.

May 9th Town Council Meeting—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen and Rodriguez, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Minutes from the April 25, 2016 Town Council Meeting were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Fosselman reported he spoke with Governor Hogan's Office, and that the median improvement project along Connecticut Avenue has been re-funded and placed on the State Highway Administration's schedule to complete the brick pavers and landscaping.

The Mayor announced the Candidates for the June 6, 2016 Town Election – Mayor: Tracey Furman; and the Candidates for the two Council Seats are: Sean McMullen and Duane

Rollins.

Council Member McMullen updated the Council on the Walter Johnson Cluster roundtable discussions, as the local PTA's sent out surveys to their members identifying possible solutions to the overcrowding issues; he clarified that neither the survey or roundtable discussions are suggesting that the existing school boundaries be changed, and that the Town will have an opportunity to comment once the final report has been submitted.

Council Member Furman presented a draft of the proposed language for the plaque dedicating the Howard Avenue Park pergola to Wat Stewart, the founder of the Kensington Historical Society's Summer Concert Series, at the June 4th (rain date of June 11th) concert.

From the Town Manager and Staff

Town Manager Daily presented a proof, along with a quote, of the proposed new entryway signs to be located on Kent Street; Lexington Street; St. Paul Street; and Summit Avenue, in an effort to help identify the Town's boundaries. The signs would be similar to the existing sign located at the intersection of Knowles and Summit Avenues, however slightly smaller.

The Mayor stated he received positive feedback from the property owners where the new signs will be placed; however, he noted that the signs will be placed within the public right-of-way, and not on private property. The Mayor also noted that the Antique Row sign at the corner of Connecticut and Howard Avenues will be updated to correspond with the Town's Shop, Dine, Events, and Art campaign.

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of the gateway signs; however, he noted that the sign at University Boulevard and Perry Avenue obstructs

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the view of oncoming traffic when turning.

The Mayor stated that the Town will review the signs location and see if the sight line issues can be improved.

Council Member McMullen stated the Traffic Committee met on April 27th, and is currently reviewing the proposed design for the installation of a new crosswalk at Kensington Parkway and Frederick Avenue. The Committee will revisit the crosswalk during their June 8th meeting, and will also discuss the following: 1) traffic counts on Armory Avenue in response to closing the street during 'Food Truck Night'; 2) the possible use of flashing stop signs in certain location in response to Resident complaints; and 3) the use of temporary speed humps and bumps at the intersection of Baltimore Street, Prospect Street, and Washington Street.

Katie Rangos suggested a speed hump be placed near the curve of Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place due to the number of children that play on the street.

Council Member McMullen noted that the Traffic Committee will be reaching out to neighbors about the possibility of placing a temporary speed hump at the intersection of Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place.

Jack Gaffey requested that the stop sign at Frederick Avenue and Kent Street be monitored.

Joseph Campbell questioned the length of time the temporary speed humps would be in place, and if they have been successful in other jurisdictions.

Council Member McMullen and Town Manager Daily explained that the temporary speed humps and bumps are a pilot program and they plan to review their placement after six

(6) months. They also stated that the humps have worked in other jurisdictions and the total cost of the speed hump and bump purchase was \$700.

From the Public –

Zena Polin and Jerry Holiner, owners of The Daily Dish in Silver Spring, were present to announce that they will be purchasing Sub*Urban Trading Company and opening a new restaurant, The Dish and Dram, later this summer.

Joseph Campbell asked Mayor Fosselman why he decided not to seek re-election, and spoke in support of his tenure as Mayor.

The Mayor stated he is proud to have served the Town for ten (10) years, and it was a personal decision not to seek re-election.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Ordinance No. O-01-2016 – An Ordinance adopting the Town's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town was presented for adoption. The Public Hearing was held on April 11, 2016, and the Public Record was held open until 4:00 pm on May 6, 2016. See Council Actions.

The Mayor stated comments received included the requests for funding for the Fall Festival, \$500; the Kensington Car Show, \$2,500; the Day of the Book Festival, \$2,500; the Noyes Children's Library Foundation, \$25,000; and a request from Joseph Campbell to provide detailed salary information as part of the budget. The Mayor also noted that Duane Rollins requested a number of items, to include: maintenance issues, installation of bike lockers at the Metropolitan parking lot, changes to trash and recycling service, and a three-way stop at the intersection of Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street.

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Town Manager Daily stated that the Budget details have been adjusted to account for the contributions requested, and the Budget Ordinance has been amended to increase the use of unappropriated surplus by \$25,000, and to increase general government expenses by \$25,000 towards the requested contribution by the Noyes Children's Library Foundation.

Council Member Rodriguez questioned whether the donations should be the same for each of the Howard Avenue events.

The Council determined that the Fall Festival could request additional funding next year; however, they would approve the requested amount of \$500 for FY17.

Council Member McMullen suggested future budgets could include highlights, such as the salaries of the elected officials and Town Manager, and the proposed percentage increase to staff.

Town Manager Daily noted the current bike racks at the parking lot were not being used on a consistent basis, and that the existing trash, brush, and recycling contract will need to be re-bid, as we are in the last year of our contract with Unity Disposal, LLC.

Resolution No. R-09-2016 – A Resolution to authorize a contribution in the amount of \$25,000 to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation from the FY17 Budget was presented for approval. There were no public comments. See Council Actions.

Council Actions –

Council Member Furman moved to approve the Minutes from the April 25, 2016 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member McMullen abstained.

Council Member McMullen moved to amend

Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2016, by increasing the budget by \$25,000 for the Noyes Children's Library Foundation contribution. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-01-2016 – An Ordinance adopting the Town's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town was presented for adoption. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 7:57 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ARCHIVED MINUTES . . .

Complete Minutes, along with an audio recording from past meetings are available on the Town's website at the following link:

<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/council-meeting-recordings/>

A hard copy of all past Minutes will be made available by contracting the Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Engels at 301-949-2424 or at *Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov*.

COMMUNITY



Special Recognition Mayor Fosselman

Please join us as we host an event to honor the accomplishments and celebrate the future endeavors of Mayor Fosselman, as he leaves office after ten years of service to the Town. The gathering will be held at Town Hall on Thursday, June 30th, 7 pm – 10 pm, and will include a light fare menu.



The 49th Annual Kensington Labor Day Parade and Festival

will be held on Monday, September 5, 2016. The day starts off with the Parade traveling down Connecticut Avenue from St. Paul Park toward Town Hall, which features local marching bands from area schools; equestrian show groups; dance groups; floats, schools, non-profits, and businesses; and local, state, and federally elected officials. But this is just the beginning! As the Parade moves towards Town Hall, Armory and Howard Avenues come alive with the captivating and exquisite aroma of your favorite and newly discovered foods, along with diverse vendors, games and activities for children of all ages.

Volunteers Needed

Please contact Lisa and Victoria to volunteer for the Labor Day Parade and Festival.

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Always report any crimes or suspicious activity to the Police. If the incident is in progress, call 911. If the incident occurred earlier, call 301-279-8000.

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Mid-County Sparkles

Monday, July 4th

7:30 pm—Live Music
Featuring: Gringo Jingo

9:15 pm—Fire Works

Albert Einstein High School
11135 Newport Mill Road
Kensington MD

*Shuttle bus at Westfield Wheaton Plaza—JCP. Handicap parking only available at Einstein HS.



Kensington Farmers Market

*Open every Saturday year-round, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kensington Train Station*

Local and regional vendors offer fresh baked goods, seasonal fruits and vegetables, organic meats, seafood, cheese, artisan breads, olive oil and prepared foods.



Columbia Country Club's annual Independence Day Celebration is being held on Tuesday June 28th, 2016. The fireworks display will begin at dusk. A rain date of Wednesday June 29th has been set.

The 2014 Kensington Historical Society's Summer Concert Series

Please join the Kensington Historical Society on Saturdays, 10 am, at Howard Avenue Park, across from the Train Station, for their Summer Concert Series.

June 18th ~ Bog Band

June 25th ~ Silver Creek

July 2nd ~ Mystic Warriors

July 9th ~ Scrub Pines

July 16th ~ Smith Jackson

July 23rd ~ Rita Clarke and the Naturals

July 30th ~ TBA

The Summer Concert Series' complete schedule may be found on the Kensington Historical Society's website:

www.KensingtonHistory.org

or on the Town's Calendar:
www.tok.md.gov/calendar



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How long has it been since you last reviewed the performance of your insurance policy? If the answer is never, you are like almost everyone else. Call today for a free review.

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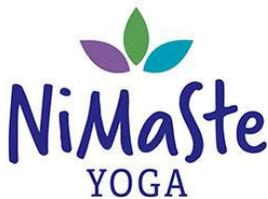
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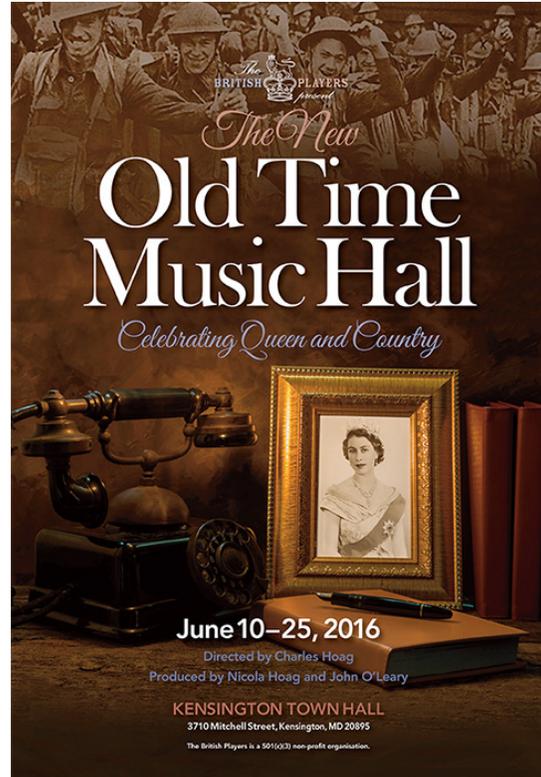


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Thursday, June 16th and 23rd ~ 8:00 pm
Friday, June 10th, 17th, and 24th ~ 8:00 pm
Saturday, June 11th, 18th, and 25th ~ 8:00 pm

Matinee Performance

Sunday, June 12th ~ 2:00 pm
Saturday, June 18th ~ 2:00 pm

Ticket Prices

\$30 each | \$25 for groups of 8 or more

www.BritishPlayers.org



Recycling, Bulk Pick-ups and Trash Collection

Tuesdays: Trash; Brush; Recycling; and Bulk items

Fridays: Trash

Bulk items are collected on Tuesdays only and include items such as appliances, power equipment, or any metal items. **Bulk item pick-up must be requested** by calling 301-949-2424 by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the Tuesday collection date. Bulk pick-up is another benefit to living in the Town of Kensington.

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